

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-11 and 13-23 remain pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 11 and 20 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has objected to Claim 20 for various informalities. Applicants have amended Claim 20 in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging it to be indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to paragraphs [0024] through [0026]. These paragraphs explain the clamp as well as the cam member or pin 90. Upon review of these paragraphs, it will become apparent to the Examiner that the cam member and clamp work independently and separate from one another.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) alleging it to be anticipated by Schickerling (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,420).

As previously pointed out, the Schickerling reference does not include a second portion that couples with the carrier with a drive from the motor. Also, the Schickerling reference illustrates a cam 102, identified by the Examiner that is always in contact with

and functions dependently upon the clamp 70. These two do not function independently nor are they separate as claimed by Applicants.

Accordingly, Applicants believe Claim 20 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) alleging them to be anticipated by Young (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0112582).

The Young reference cited by the Examiner does not illustrate a first and second pair of rails. In fact, Young illustrates a container 46 which includes a housing wall 55. There are no extending rails as claimed by Applicants. Further, the rails 114 cited by the Examiner position the container onto a base. Additionally, the rails are not positioned in the channel between the second pair of rails.

Accordingly, Applicants believe Claim 21 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, Claims 22 and 23 that depend from Claim 21 are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) alleging them to be unpatentable over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,625).

Applicants have amended Claim 1 and 11 to include the limitations of Claims 3 and 12, which have been indicated as allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants believe the Examiner's rejections to Claims 1 and 11, dependent Claims 4-10 and Claims 13-19, respectively, to now be moot. Likewise, Applicants believes Claims 1, 4-10 and 11, as well as Claims 13-19, to be patentably distinct over the Examiner's rejections.

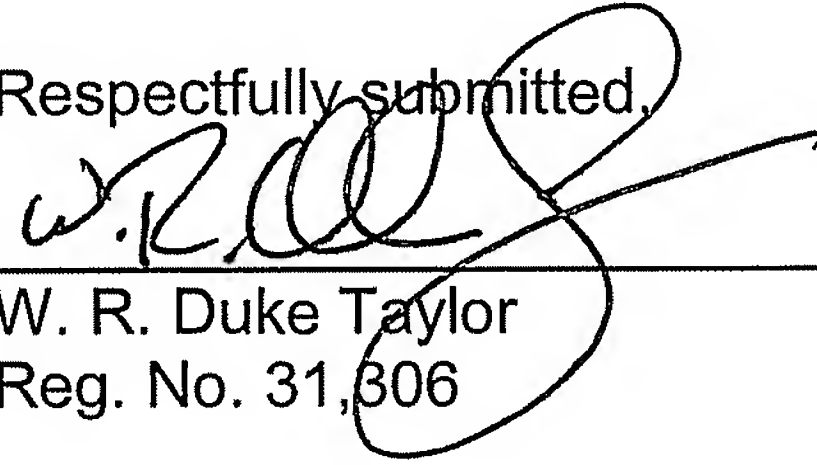
The Examiner has rejected Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Neubert.

The combination with Neubert fails to overcome the deficiencies of Wright. Accordingly, the Examiner's combination fails to illustrate Applicants' claims. Thus, Applicants believe Claims 9 and 10 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants would submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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